

ASIS&T Members Electing New Officers and Directors

Electronic balloting is now open at the ASIS&T website for the election of a president-elect and two directors-at-large. Voting ends on September 30, 2009, with newly elected officers taking their seats on the ASIS&T Board of Directors at the conclusion of the upcoming Annual Meeting in Vancouver.

Candidates for president-elect for 2010 and succession to the presidency in 2011 are **Suzie Allard** and **Linda Smith**. Candidates for two director-at-large slots for three-year terms are **Caryn Anderson**, **France Bouthillier**, **Prudence Dalrymple** and **Karen Fisher**.

Suzie Allard is associate professor and assistant director at the University of Tennessee School of Information Sciences. Suzie has served on the ASIS&T Board of Directors and on a variety of standing and ad hoc committees (e.g., membership,



leadership, information science education, etc.) and has received ASIS&T's James M. Cretsos Leadership Award. She co-founded SIG/DL and has served

on task forces for marketing, digital library development and website redesign. Suzie teaches in the areas of science information and digital libraries. Her research focuses on how scientists use and communicate information, particularly within the life-

cycle of electronic data. Agencies that are funding Suzie's research include the National Science Foundation, IEEE and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Linda C. Smith is professor and associate dean for academic programs in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1977. With support from the Institute of Museum and



Library Services, she has worked with colleagues to enhance curricular offerings in digital libraries and data curation and to build a collaborative distance

education model through initiatives of the WISE (Web-based Information Science Education) consortium. She received the ASIS&T Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award in 1987 and has served ASIS&T in many capacities since joining in 1972: SIG and chapter officer and advisor, award jury member and chair, conference program committee member and chair, member of various standing committees, and editorial positions with both *JASIST* and *ARIST*.

Caryn Anderson is the integration research manager for the ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security at Australian National University in

Canberra, Australia. Her work focuses on developing theory and methods for cross-disciplinary research in the areas of



integrating and synthesizing disciplinary and stakeholder knowledge, managing what we don't know and translating research into policy and practice

change. Caryn was previously doctoral studies program manager at the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, where she received her master's degree. She came to information science from public policy analysis and non-profit management. Caryn has held many leadership roles in ASIS&T, including service on standing committees and as chapter and SIG officer. She received the Chapter Member-of-the-Year Award in 2007 and the James M. Cretsos Leadership Award in 2006.

France Bouthillier is associate professor and director of the school of information studies, McGill University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto, her masters in library and information sciences from the



Université de Montréal, and she graduated from the University of Quebec in

Education and Business Administration. Her teaching areas are related to the management of information services, business information and competitive intelligence. Her recent publications and conference presentations deal with the information needs of small businesses, knowledge management, management of information services, training of information professionals and competitive intelligence. She has worked on program committees for several ASIS&T Annual Meetings and as a reviewer for *JASIST* for a number of years.

Prudence Dalrymple is on the faculty of the College of Information Science and Technology at Drexel University where she also directs the Institute for Healthcare



Informatics. She holds a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's degree in health sciences informatics from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She has also been on the faculty at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, was the director of accreditation at the American Library Association and served as dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University. Pru attended her first ASIS&T meeting in 1976 as a student and has been an active participant in conferences, committees and SIG/HFIS. She has served on several award juries and standing committees. She is a member of the

ASIS&T Task Force on the Information Professional where she is a key participant in the task force's activities.

Karen Fisher is professor in the University of Washington Information School and chair of the Information & Society Center (ISC).



She teaches and conducts research on how people experience information as part of everyday life. Frequent author, she is currently studying the benefits of free access to computers and the Internet in public libraries, supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Karen holds Ph.D. and MLIS degrees from University of Western Ontario and a bachelor's degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland. Previously, she chaired the UW iSchool's Master of Library and Information Science program, was a visiting researcher at Microsoft Research and a visiting professor at Oslo University College, Norway. Her ASIS&T activities include leadership activities in SIG/USE, service on the search committee for the *JASIST* editor and on the program committees for two Annual Meetings.

For more information about the candidates and their position statements for the offices they seek, please visit the ASIS&T website. All current ASIS&T members with voting privileges are invited to visit www.asis.org/elections/index.html for full information on the electronic balloting process. ■

ASIS&T Announces New Awards for Historical Study

The advisory board of the ASIS&T History Fund, established by the ASIS&T Board in June 2000 to support and encourage research and publication in the history of information science and technology, has announced the establishment of two new awards: ASIS&T History Fund Research Grant Award and ASIS&T History Fund Research Paper Award. Both awards will be available for the first time this year.

The Research Grant Award will honor the best research support proposal submitted by September 1. All topics relevant to the history of information science and technology may be proposed. A maximum of \$1000 will be awarded; all funds must be expended by August 31, 2010.

The Research Paper Award, maximum of \$500, will honor the best paper submitted by September 1. Again, all topics relevant to the history of information science and technology will be considered.

The History Fund Advisory Board will review all submissions and determine if an award will be made. Members of the Advisory Board are **Robert V. Williams**, chair; **Michael Buckland**, vice chair; **Trudi B. Hahn**, **Ben-Ami Lipitz** and **Samantha Hastings**.

For more information on ASIS&T awards, visit the ASIS&T website at www.asis.org. ■

News about ASIS&T Chapters

Gregory Hutton, student in the School of Information Management at Dalhousie University, is the winner of the 2009 NEASIS&T Best Paper in Information Science Award from the **New England ASIS&T** chapter. Hutton’s paper, “Scientific Grey Literature in a Digital Age: Measuring Its Use and Influence in an Evolving Information Economy,” earns him up to \$1000 to help defray costs of attending the 2009 ASIS&T Annual Meeting in Vancouver.

Jury members **Maureen O’Drisceoil** and **Patricia Baudoin** noted that Hutton’s paper “is extremely well-written, providing good explanations for a very dense topic... [H]e describes his project clearly, packs a lot into a few pages and reaches a conclusion.”

News about ASIS&T Members

Three ASIS&T members will join the faculty of the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies at the University of British Columbia for the 2009-10 academic year. **Eric Meyers**, **Lisa Nathan** and **Aaron Loehrlein** will come in as assistant professors. Eric and Lisa, both graduating from the University of Washington, arrived on campus this summer. Aaron will complete his studies at Indiana University and join the staff in January 2010.

Amanda Spink, research capacity building professor of information science at Queensland University of Technology,

has been appointed editor of the Emerald Library and Information Science book series, succeeding retiring editor **Bert Boyce** of Louisiana State University. The Emerald Library series publishes scholarly books on leading edge issues and broad research areas of library and information science.

Amy Wallace, formerly head of public services and outreach, California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI), has been named dean of the University Library. She succeeds Paul Adalian who has retired. In her new role she will guide strategic and operational planning for the library and seek innovative ways to foster information literacy, expand the library’s collection and maximize the use of technology. Wallace has been with CSUCI since June 2003. She previously held library positions at the University of California, San Diego; The Claremont Colleges; and Chapman University. ■

The International Calendar of Information Science Conferences (<http://icisc.neasist.org/>) is a nonprofit collaboration between the Special Interest Group/International Information Issues (SIG/III) and the European (ASIST/EC) and New England (NEASIST) chapters of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, with the additional support of Haworth Press.



Thriving on Diversity: Information Opportunities in a Pluralistic World

November 6-11, 2009, Vancouver, BC, Canada

The 2009 ASIS&T Annual Meeting is fast approaching. Make sure you’ve marked your calendar. Check your mailbox for a printed version of the preliminary program; or go online for an electronic version. Registration forms are available in both formats. Make your travel plans now. We all look forward to a large crowd in Vancouver. See you there.

PAUL WASSERMAN

Paul Wasserman, professor emeritus and founding dean of the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland, passed away May 8, 2009, following a period of ill health. He was 85 years old.

Wasserman took the post of dean of the School of Library and Information Services in January 1965, shortly after the school was formally approved. Beginning without faculty, curriculum or students, he built a new interdisciplinary school by recruiting an engineer, a physicist and an industrial psychologist, among others, to be the first faculty. By the time the first student graduated in 1966, the program was fully accredited by the American Library Association. He led the design of the doctoral program, which admitted its first students in 1967. He left the deanship in 1970 and returned to a fulltime faculty position.

Wasserman was well known for his contributions to library administration. He lectured and consulted internationally, frequently working on programs to educate library administrators in developing countries. He lent his professional expertise to projects in more than two dozen countries and was admired and respected by library educators and practitioners throughout the world.

Wasserman is survived by his wife Krystyna Wasserman, son Steven Wasserman, daughter Jacqueline Monroe and grandchildren. Cards and notes may be sent to the Wasserman family c/o College of Information Studies, 4105 Hornbake Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

E. J. JOSEY

E. J. Josey, library civil rights activist, administrator, author and educator, died on July 3 in North Carolina. He was 85 years old. Best known in the library world for his successful efforts to integrate state library associations and his challenges to ALA members to adopt policies and procedures that would improve the conditions for minorities in librarianship, he also held a series of prominent administrative and faculty positions at institutions around the country.

Josey was professor emeritus in the School of Library and Information Sciences, University of Pittsburgh. Before joining the Pitt faculty, he held several New York State government positions in library development. He also headed the library at Savannah State University; directed the library at Delaware State College; and served on the staff of Columbia University Library, Free Library of Philadelphia and New York Public Library.

A foundation has been set up to honor his life and work: The E.J. Josey Foundation for Justice and Peace, 526 West Second Street, Washington, NC 27889.